

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Günter Hommel

Appl. No.: 10/003,682

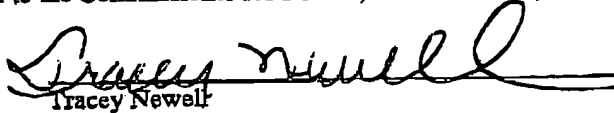
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.181**

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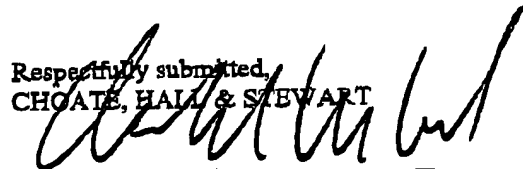
Sir:

This petition is being submitted in response to the Notice of Abandonment dated December 22, 2003 for this application (copy enclosed) which states that a reply was not received to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed December 27, 2001. Applicant respectfully submits that a reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed on February 21, 2002 (copy enclosed). Applicant also encloses a copy of the date-stamped return postcard from the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicating its receipt of the response. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that abandonment be withdrawn.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our Deposit Account No. 031721. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4038.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 12/27/2001.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to the "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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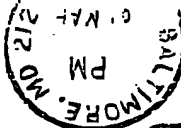
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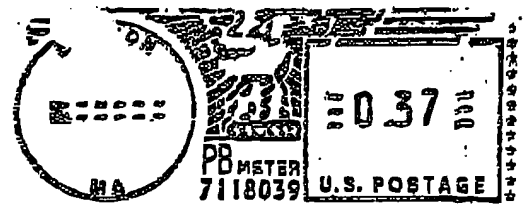
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1. Petition to Withdraw Abandonment Under 37 CFR §1.181 (in duplicate);
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Attorney: DWM

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